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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 15, 2004, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 4 and 6 are all the claims pending in the application. Previously, claims 2 and 5 were canceled. Reconsideration and allowance of all the claims are respectfully requested in view of the following.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §103

The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 3 under §103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent 5,518,116 to Morita (hereinafter Morita) in view of US Patent 5,720,916 to Williams et al. (hereinafter Williams), US Patent 4,892,851 to Ewen et al. (hereinafter Ewen), and EP 0 428 972